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SUBJECT: ITALIAN VETERINARY HEADACHES

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SUMMARY: INTEREST EXPRESSED BY ITALIAN VETERINARY SERVICE IN
CLOSER CONTACT WITH APHIS ON A WIDE RANGE OF VETERINARY MATTERS.

1. BELLANI, DG VETERINARY SERVICE, ITALIAN MINISTRY OF HEALTH

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DURING DINNER ALONE WITH AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE AT FORMER' S INITIATIVE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT WHAT HE CALLED QUOTE AN UNBELIEVABLE MESS AND CONFUSION IN EC ON VETERINARY MATTERS UNQUOTE. HE CONVEYED HIS CONVICTION THAT USA SHOULD PLAY A MORE DYNAMIC ROLE AND AT LEAST BECOME A FULL MEMBER OF OIE.

BELLANI, A SOCIALIST, WAS VERY PESSIMISTIC ABOUT FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS OF ITALIAN AND ALSO ENTIRE EC ECONOMIES. HE BASED SUCH PESSIMISM ON RUN AWAY FEED AND FOOD PRICES AND THEIR INFLUENCE ON INFLATION AND ENDLESS DEMANDS FOR WAGE INCREASES TO COVER FOOD BASKET EXPENSES.

HE ALSO CRITICIZED LACK OF PROGRESS TOWARD REAL FEDERALISM IN COMMUNITY WHICH MAKES POLICY COORDINATION ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE.

2. BELLANI WOULD WELCOME A VISIT TO ITALY BY DR. MULHERN HIMSELF OR IF IMPOSSIBLE SOME OTHER EXECUTIVE OF APHIS EITHER DURING PERIOD MAY 10-20 OR DURING FIRST TWO WEEKS OF JUNE. OBJECTIVE SUCH VISIT; TO DISCUSS WIDE RANGE OF VETERINARY PROBLEMS AROUND THE WORLD OF INTEREST TO BOTH GOI AND USG. ATTACHE RECOMMENDS GIVING SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO BELLANI' S INVITATION ESPECIALLY SINCE ITALY PRESENTLY UNDER PRESSURE FROM MANY SOURCES TO RELAX ITS VETERINARY REQUIREMENTS ON IMPORTATION IN VIEW EVER- INCREASING DOMESTIC DEMAND. ITALY NEXT TO USA LARGEST MEAT IMPORTER WHILE ALSO IMPORTING AROUND 2.6 MILLION CALVES. MEETING WOULD ALSO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS BILATERAL MATTERS SOME OF WHICH BELLANI FEELS WERE LEFT HANGING DURING AND AFTER HIS VISIT TO USA IN JULY 1972.

MEANWHILE BELLANI HAS GIVEN US FULL SUPPORT EVEN WHEN RATHER SPECIAL WAIVERS WERE REQUESTED TO MAKE CATTLE SHIPMENTS FROM USA POSSIBLE. FINALLY AFTER APHIS PROMISE IN SEPTEMBER 1972, FOLLOWED BY POSTPONEMENT AND THEREAFTER BY CANCELLATION OF VISIT IT MIGHT NOW BE USEFUL TO HEED BELLANI' S EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MEETING IN ITALY WITH AMERICAN COLLEAGUE AND THEREBY STRENGTHEN FUTURE UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION.

3. BELLANI INFORMED ATTACHE OF LETTER RECEIVED FROM DG VETERINARY SERVICE GOF DATED MARCH 19 CONCERNING FRENCH DECISION TO PROHIBIT IMPORT OF EQUINES FROM USA AS PER APRIL 1 UNTIL SEPTEMBER 15, 1973, BECAUSE OF PURPORTED SERIOUS VEE DANGER. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LETTER INDICATES GOF DECISION TAKEN IN ACCORD WITH VETERINARY SERVICES OF UK AND IRELAND.

BELLANI ALSO EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT WITH GENERAL ROLE PLAYED SO FAR BY BRITISH VETERINARY SERVICE IN EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

4. HAVE INFORMED DR. REICHARD APHIS/ ROME OF ABOVE.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR EARLIEST POSSIBLE DECISION ON ROME MEETING BEFORE BELLANI DEPARTURE FOR AFRICAN VISIT APRIL 15.

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